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SUBJECT:

Product Liability Legislation

Last night Governor Deukmejian <u>signed</u> the product liability law. The law will be effective at the beginning of the year and should apply to pending cases.

The California legislation has attracted considerable media attention, including the attached piece in this morning's Washington Post.

Also yesterday, the <u>Ohio</u> Senate passed a product liability reform bill by a vote of 13 to 9. A similar bill had been passed by the Ohio House last week, 76 to 16. The Ohio bill, the product of a Conference Committee, provides a comprehensive tort reform measure that would, among other things, provide protection for a manufacturer similar to the California and New Jersey legislation. The Governor has not publicly taken a position on this bill, but PM USA is working with the Governor's office to encourage signature.

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